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REMARKS

The Examiner's indication that claims 12, 13, 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, this is what applicant has done. Thus, it would be noted that claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 12. Accordingly, amended claim 1 represents claim 12 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, amended claim 1 is believed in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 has been amended to depend on claim 1 and is also believed allowable in view of the Examiner's indication.

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 17. Accordingly, amended claim 5 represents claim 17 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, amended claim 5 is believed in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been amended to depend on claim 5 and is believed in condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's indication.

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The remaining claims are either directly or indirectly dependent on claims indicated allowable. Accordingly, these latter dependent claims are therefore considered allowable also.

Since all the claims in this application are directed to subject matter considered allowable for the reasons set forth hereinabove, comments on the cited prior art are not considered necessary. In view of the above, allowance of the claims is respectively requested.

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